AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 20, paragraph 66, as follows:

[0066]   The process of binarization by the binarizing unit 25 will now be described. The multi-value image data I output from the density correction unit 24 and the weighted average error [[Eavr]] <u>Eav</u> calculated by the error calculating means 66 and corrected using the gain adjustment value EG are added together by the adder 61 to calculate corrected data Ir. The corrected data Ir is input to the terminal B of the comparator 62 and the terminal B of the subtracter 64. The comparator 62 compares the corrected data Ir and the threshold value TH and a binarization result B is output.